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Fremont Appoints New Fire Chief

Fremont, CA – November 21, 2017 – Fremont City Manager Fred Diaz announced the appointment of Curtis Jacobson as the new Fire Chief for the City of Fremont. Jacobson is currently the Fire Chief for the City of San Jose, California. He replaces Interim Fire Chief Amiel Thurston, who will resume his duties as Deputy Fire Chief. Jacobson will begin work on December 18, 2017.

Chief Jacobson was chosen after an extensive nationwide search. Chief Jacobson rose to the rank of Fire Chief over the course of a distinguished 25-year career. He has held leadership positions in the Bureaus of Fire Prevention, Field Operations, and Training in a variety of ranks.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration from San Jose State University and is a graduate of the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He also holds a variety of professional certificates from the California State Fire Officer Training and National Fire Academy, and is a member of the Santa Clara County Fire Chiefs Association and the Santa Clara County Black Firefighters Association.

"Curtis stood out to me as the ideal candidate for the job. He is intelligent, talented, and his 25 years of service—from Firefighter to Chief in San Jose—make him a great fit for the top job with the Fremont Fire Department," said City Manager Fred Diaz. "He has a mature and balanced perspective on issues and will lend both stability, and continued progress to the department. On behalf of the City Council, I look forward to working with Curtis as he embarks on his new career in Fremont."

Chief Jacobson currently leads a full-service fire department with 33 stations and 824 employees. Fremont's Fire Department has a total of 160 full-time employees and 11 fire stations.

When asked about his appointment, Jacobson said, "I am humbled and honored at the opportunity to serve as Fremont's next Fire Chief. I look forward to working with community members, fire department personnel, City leadership, and City staff towards enhancing the department's exceptional service it provides."

A badge-pinning ceremony will be scheduled at a later date, which will be announced.

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